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*Sunshine in The Pecos Valley—Snow and Cold Weather in the North.*

## LOST

## FOUND

GREAT EXCITEMENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT OVER SUPPOSED KIDNAPPING.

## INDISCREET CHILDREN

Offer and Jones Were Arrested Sunday and Placed in Jail, but were Released To-Day, and will not be Prosecuted.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cottingham spent a night of terror Saturday night, and the agony they endured can only be understood by a parent when they think their child has been kidnapped or lost. All kinds of fancies entered in their minds as to the whereabouts of Erma Cottingham, their 14 year old daughter, and the entire town was searched from one end to the other by Mr. Cottingham and numerous friends and officers of the law. Finally about 4:30 o'clock the desperation of the frantic man was so intense that he caused the fire bell to be rung to arouse the citizens of the town to aid in the search for his child. Nearly 100 men were aroused and they gladly assisted Mr. Cottingham in the search. At 8:30 in the morning the child was found at the Shelby hotel and was restored to the mother, who had spent a night of terrible anguish and who was in a state of complete nervous prostration.

The facts are that Erma Cottingham and Cora Dovoy went out on a stroll Saturday night with Joe Offer, aged about 22, and a young man named Jones who works at the Frost studio. The children did not come back until a late hour and were afraid to go home. Joe Offer came to the Shelby hotel about 10:40 and told the night clerk he wanted a room for two girls. The clerk told him to bring them in quick as he was fixing to close up and wanted to get to the barber shop in time to get shaved before they closed at 11 o'clock. Offer returned with the girls at 10:50 and they did not register as the clerk had closed the book for Saturday. He assigned them to room 14 and Offer accompanied the girls to the room with the clerk. The clerk ordered him out of the building and thought nothing more about the girls, as he supposed they were in from some ranch to spend Sunday. A railroad man saw Offer bring the girls into the hotel and told Fred Hunt about it next morning. Mr. Hunt went to the hotel and told Mrs. Bucy about the missing girls. Mr. Hunt accompanied her to room 14 at 8:30 o'clock and the door was locked. Mrs. Bucy knocked on the door and the Cottingham child opened the same. Mrs. Bucy said, "My child, what on earth do you mean by such conduct. Your parents are frantic about you," and she replied, "Well, let me down the back way. I was afraid to go home last night." The Dovoy girl had disappeared from the hotel before Mrs. Bucy went to the room. The Cottingham child went down the back stairway and met her father a short distance from the hotel. She threw her arms around his neck and began to cry.

Joe Offer and young Jones were arrested and placed in jail, but were released this morning.

Mr. Cottingham talks very reasonably in regard to the indiscretion of his child, and came to the Record office this morning and made a detailed statement in regard to the matter. He says: "I want to be understood correctly in this matter. My little daughter asked my wife early in the evening if she could go to see Cora Dovoy, a fifteen year

old girl who works in the laundry in which I am interested, and she told her she could. The child did not return up to 8:30, and my wife became anxious and told me to go and see if she was at Mrs. Dovoy's. I did not find her and went to several places in town and still I could not find any trace of her. As the night wore on my anxiety increased and my wife who is a very nervous woman was in a state of total collapse. I sent men in different directions on horses to look for the children as I thought they had been kidnapped, which happens once in a thousand times, or had been lost or drugged by some villain. I never dreamed that the children were at the hotel, but my wife had a premonition that they were at the Shelby and told me to go there several times. But I did not do so. Had I done as she suggested the terrible night of anguish could have been avoided. I am fully satisfied that the men who took the girls out are not guilty of any criminal conduct, but I will plainly state that both of them must leave Roswell at once. I will not prosecute them, but they must leave and leave at once. My son Lonnie Cottingham went to the room of the Offer man at about 11:30 Saturday night and asked him if he knew where the children were, and he declared that he knew nothing about them. The scoundrel should be killed for telling this lie. Offer and the Dovoy girl, I understand, had been sweethearts at the laundry, but I did not know this until today.

"The Dovoy's came here and were highly recommended by prominent people. They live in a tent, and Mr. Dovoy has consumption, and Mrs. Dovoy and the daughter worked in the laundry to help support him. I supposed his sickness for several years had reduced them financially. I understand the Dovoy girl looked on the matter lightly and said, 'why it is nothing to stay out late at night, and I have done so before.' The worst mistake we made was in allowing Erma to associate with a girl who worked in the laundry. But some people who are at bottom rock in poverty are as good as anybody.

"My little girl is a school girl and we do not allow her to associate with boys. The worst she has done was telling her mother a story when she said she was going to see the Dovoy girl. I am satisfied they did not drive around with the men, but simply strolled around town until about 9:30 o'clock and then the child was afraid to go home for fear of the scolding she knew she would receive from her mother. I went to get a shot gun and intended to kill both of the men, but when I reached home with my child my wife fainted from the shock and I ran to her assistance and dropped the matter. As I was taking my child home I saw Offer and I told him I was going to kill him if he was guilty, and ordered him to face my child at the house. He said, 'I am innocent and you can kill if you wish.' I never saw a man act cooler, and he went to my house with me. At this point my son Lonnie rushed out and drew a revolver on Offer and said, 'I am going to kill you if you are guilty,' and the man's coolness caused Lonnie not to shoot as he did not want to kill an innocent man. Offer replied, 'I am innocent,' and drew open his coat and said 'kill me if you want to, but you will kill an innocent man.' There are many conflicting stories and many think that the case is really worse than it is. As it is it is a severe blow to me."

## BURNED TO DEATH.

An Eccentric Old Man and a Boy in a Cabin.

Crested Butte, Colo., Dec. 28.—Charles Ostraut, an eccentric character aged about fifty and Joseph Beiter, a boy aged ten living here, were burned to death in a cabin near Anthracite. The little fellow with his brother George aged 14 were visiting Ostraut who is a timber cutter. The cabin caught fire from an unknown cause, and only the older boy was able to escape. He is so excited that he can give no explanation of the affair. The bodies of the two victims were almost entirely consumed.

## EASTERN SITUATION

THE COREAN QUESTION STILL OCCUPIES THE MINDS OF JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

## BRITISH INTERFERENCE

Russia Resents the Action of England in Advancing into Tibet.—Situation is Critical.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—An important joint meeting of the cabinet and private council will take place today to consider ways and means in view of the grave situation, but no difficulty is anticipated in providing for extraordinary expenditures including the completion of the Seoul Fusan railway. It is believed that unless Russia modifies her reply Japan will immediately safeguard Korea, though such step would not necessarily mean war with Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The consensus of unofficial opinion among those associated with the government but responsible therefore is that the Czar is so peacefully disposed that he will make such concessions to Japan as may be necessary to prevent war, provided no unforeseen events force the hands of the governments concerned. At the same time it is pointed out that the Czar believes that the preparation for war is the best safeguard of peace.

The Russian government is watching with keenest interest and attention the quite uncommon energy shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors. This broadens the situation so as to bring into play the Franco-Russian and Anglo-Japanese treaties.

Unofficial opinion, however, believes that the controlling party in Russia regards Korea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the far east and therefore is determined to prevent the peninsula from falling into the hands of the Japanese, and that any concessions Russia makes to Japan will only be with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time. The reason why the British alarmist news fails to convince the Russians is that the present situation affords Great Britain opportunity to create her own Manchuria in Yang Tse provinces of China that will be brought about by her occupancy of Tibet and extending the projected railroad to a point in the Yang Tse valley which will be reachable by gunboats from the sea. Her forward movement at a time when Russia is preoccupied in the far east is causing rage here.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—The auxiliary cruiser Dixie sailed from League Island navy yard today enroute for Colon, carrying six hundred marines and five months living and fighting supplies for one thousand men.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Nearly a train load of army supplies, hospital tents and blankets have arrived here under rush orders having been expressed by the government from Omaha to the service in this city. The consignments were carried on the fastest trains.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Russian government has placed an order with Armour & Co. for a million and a half pounds of mess meat. The order it develops was placed last week and is already one-third of its way to San Francisco. The management of the packing house are unable or unwilling to say whether

future orders from the same source are expected, nor could they state the exact destination of the shipments.

London, Dec. 28.—An admiralty order issued at Portsmouth requests the officers and men of British naval reserve to notify the authorities of their address here so telegrams can be sent in case of emergency should they be required for active service. The order is generally connected with rumors that the fleet in the far east is being strengthened, concerning which, however, the authorities profess ignorance.

## BARBERS AND PRINTERS.

Will Contest for Bowling Supremacy To-Night.

A match game of ten pins between the barbers and printers will be played at the Coliseum alleys tonight. This is the second of the series, the barbers winning the first by a close score of 61 pins. The very outcome of the first game promises a very close contest tonight. Both teams are confident of winning.

## NEW HIGH RECORD PRICES

Made at Opening of New York Cotton Exchange To-Day.

New York, Dec. 28.—New high record prices were made amid the greatest excitement at the opening of the cotton exchange today. The first prices were an advance of 23 to 51 points. Realizing was heavy and a declining tendency set in. The market continued feverish and unsettled.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—An immense volume of business was done on the cotton market today, with prices from 28 to 57 points higher than the close of Thursday. Profit taking was enormous, but had little effect upon prices. The demand from all quarters were strong and the market bulled itself. With a little support from the long side the prices could easily have been pushed up to the 15 cent mark.

## ORDERED TO LEAVE DISTRICT.

Attorney for Striking Union Miners so Notified.

Telluride, Colo., Dec. 28.—It is reported here today that former attorney general Eugene Engley of Cripple Creek, attorney for the striking union miners of this district has been notified that unless he leaves the district at once he will be arrested. He said, it is stated, that he will not go and that if he is arrested will make no effort to secure bail. J. C. Williams, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners was told by Deputy Sheriff William Rannels last night that unless he left town this morning he would be jailed. He did not leave as far as known but his whereabouts are unknown at present.

There are rumors of impending wholesale arrests of striking miners which cannot be verified.

## WILL GO HOME.

Colombia's Representative in the U. S. Will Close Legation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Although Secretary Hay has not yet replied to the note of General Reyes preparations are going on rapidly for the closing of the Colombian legation here and the departure of Colombia's representatives for home. It is clear that they do not entertain much hope of a satisfactory response by this government concerning Panama.

## ON THE WAR PATH.

Indians in Mexico Raiding Ranches and Committing Depredations.

Hermosillo, Mex., Dec. 28.—The Seri Indians who occupy Tiburon Island in the Gulf of California have gone upon the war path and according to information received by the military authorities here the savages are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mainland. The Seris are said to be cannibals and are known to be the fleetest runners in the world.

Start the New Year right with a new set of books, all kinds.—Ingersoll's.

## SHEEPMEN MURDERED

A COLD BLOODED AFFAIR TAKES PLACE IN ARIZONA.

## THREATENING LETTER

Large Sum of Money Demanded.—Strikes in the Coal Regions of Pennsylvania.

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 28.—News comes to this place of the murder of two sheepmen near Gisela settlement 80 miles north of Globe. The victims were a young man named Berry and a Mexican. The crime occurred at Tonto Basin the scene of the famous Graham Tewikbury feud between sheepmen and cattlemen, and adds to a long list of victims of the feud. A man named Seack and John Booth have been arrested at their home near Gisela charged with the killing.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 28.—Superintendent Perkins of the Burlington road received a letter Saturday mailed at Weston, Mo., a station on the Burlington road, saying that unless he deposited \$5,000 on a spot designated Sunday night the writer Odell Carter would kill him on sight. Perkins has placed the letter in the hands of the postoffice authorities.

Meyersdale, Pa., Dec. 26.—There is not a mine that was running on the Somerset and Cambria branch of the B. & O. railroad before the strike ordered went into effect that is not working now. These places had no organizations.

## PROMINENT MEN.

Arrived at McMillan Last Evening to Hunt Ducks.

H. U. Mudge of Topeka and Avery Turner of Amarillo arrived here on their special cars last evening and were taken by special engine last evening to McMillan where they will hunt ducks for a few days. They were accompanied by Judge J. C. Pollock, State Printer George A. Clark and two sons of Mr. Mudge, Bert and Hugh Mudge, of Topeka. Mr. Mudge is the president of the Pecos Valley lines and general manager of the Santa Fe system. Mr. Turner is vice president of the Pecos Valley lines and is general manager of same. Judge Pollock was recently appointed U. S. District Judge for Kansas by President Roosevelt. State Printer Clark is the proprietor of the Concordia, Kansas, Daily and Weekly Blade and Empire.

## JEWS MUST FLEE.

Another Attack to be Made on Them January Seventh.

Kishineff, Dec. 28.—As a forerunner of another anti-Semitic demonstration called for January 7th (the Greek church Christmas) in a recently issued anonymous circular, indicate that attacks on the Jews have already commenced. The only safety for the Jews seems now to be in flight, and all of them are preparing to emigrate.

## NEW DEATH RECORD.

Chicago City and County Hospitals Crowded with Pneumonia.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—With Pneumonia establishing a new death record, the Chicago and County hospitals are so crowded that patients are sleeping on mattresses, on the floors and less serious cases being turned away. A serious problem con-

fronts the Chicago health authorities. The great variety of weather prevailing the past week is blamed with crowding the hospitals.

## SATURDAY'S RACES.

One of O'Connor's Steers Jumped the Fence.

The first race Saturday was the half mile road. Entries Bob, Tom and Lady Wilkes. Lady Wilkes won the first two heats, time 1:37.

Next was the yearling colt race. Entries, Dixie Land and Chuck, half mile heats, best two in three, but there were only two heats. Chuck won the first heat time 2:05, Dixie Land second, time 1:57.

Next was one-fourth mile dash. Entries, Bud Wilson's horse and Pickpocket. Pickpocket won, time 24 1-4.

Next came the cow pony free for all, three-fourths of a mile race and there were over fifty entries. Johnny Wilson won, but the time was was a keg of beer.

In the roping contest Earl Carroll and Bob O'Connor roped three steers each. Best time 33 by Carroll winning the money, \$100 a side. One of O'Connor's steers proved to be a racer and jumped the fence before O'Connor touched him. He has not been seen since.

## Social Circle.

It is the custom of the Social Circle to give a dinner at the home of one of the members to which each contributes something for the dinner. This year the dining was given at the home of Mrs. J. W. Poe and was one of the most enjoyable social affairs of the season. The following was the menu:

Roast turkey with cranberry sauce, cream potatoes, celery, olives, pickles, salted almonds, potato chips, hot rolls, pumpkin pie, ice cream, nut cake, coffee, marguerites. Those present were Mesdames H. Jaffa, N. Jaffa, Wyllys, McGaffey, Wall, Garrard, Leonard, Pruitt, Willson, Matthews, Morrow, W. S. Prager, Burrus, and Brown of Independence, Missouri.

## THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Cattle receipt 2,500, strong  
Good to prime steers \$5.00 @ \$5.75  
Poor to medium \$3.25 @ \$5.00  
Stockers and feeders \$1.75 @ \$4.00  
Cows \$1.50 @ \$4.00  
Heifers \$2.00 @ \$2.75  
Canners \$1.50 @ \$2.40  
Bulls \$2.00 @ \$4.25  
Calves \$2.00 @ \$6.25  
Sheep receipts 2,500 Sheep and Lambs steady  
Good to choice wethers \$3.50 @ \$4.00  
Fair to choice mixed \$2.75 @ \$3.50  
Western sheep \$3.10 @ \$4.00  
Native lambs \$4.00 @ \$5.75  
Western lambs \$4.00 @ \$5.55  
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—Wool nominal unchanged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Money on call easy 4 1/4 @ 6 per cent  
Prime mercantile paper 6  
Silver 50 1/2

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Atchafson \$68  
Atchafson Pfd. \$92 1/2  
New York Central \$121  
Pennsylvania \$119 1/2  
Southern Pacific \$48 1/2  
Union Pacific \$79 1/2  
Union Pacific Pfd. \$86 1/2  
United States Steel \$11 1/2  
United States Steel Pfd. \$57 1/2

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Cattle receipts 5,000  
Native steers \$3.50 @ \$4.00  
Southern steers \$2.50 @ \$3.50  
Southern cows \$1.50 @ 2.50  
Native cows and heifers \$2.35 @ \$3.75  
Stockers and feeders \$3.00 @ \$3.65  
Bulls \$2.25 @ \$3.25  
Calves \$2.50 @ \$5.65  
Western steers \$3.50 @ \$3.90  
Western cows \$1.50 @ \$3.00  
Sheep receipts 2,000 steady  
Muttons \$3.25 @ \$4.15  
Lambs \$4.65 @ \$5.50  
Range wethers \$3.50 @ \$3.80  
Ewes \$2.25 @ \$3.50

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Close.  
Wheat Dec. 81 1/2; May 84 1/4  
Corn Dec. 41 1/2; May 45 1/4  
Oats Dec. 37; May 37 1/2  
Pork Jan. \$12.20; May \$12 55  
Lard Jan. \$6.70; May \$6.92 1/2  
Rib Jan. \$6.30; May \$6.57 1/2  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—  
Lead \$4.37 1/2  
Copper 13 1/2